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| Title: | TEXTILE FIBERS MADE FROM STRENGTHENED POLYPROPYLENE | |
| Customer No.: | 35844 | |

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants offer the following supplemental response and request reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 4-11 and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In the previous Amendment G, filed on 12 January 2006, Applicants amended Claims 1 and 20 to recite a textile fiber consisting essentially of polypropylene blended with the stated amounts and types of impact modifier. Each claim recited the impact modifier types as a Markush group. Applicants argued that the inclusion of polyvinyl butyral, as required by prior art U.S. Patent 5,514,752 ("Gutweiler et al."), would place a composition outside of the "consisting essentially of" language.

In the subsequent Advisory Action dated 03 February 2006, the Examiner indicated that Amendment G will be entered but will not overcome the obviousness rejection:

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